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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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FOR POLYPEPTIDE GROWTH FACTORS

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 17, 2004

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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June 13, 2005


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including June 17, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004.

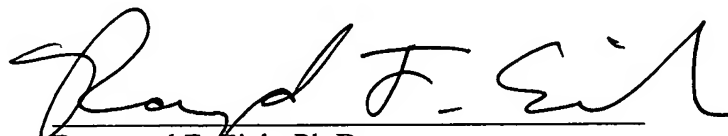
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Respectfully submitted,

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